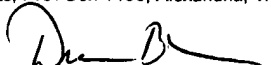


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated December 5, 2005, for which a response was due on Sunday, March 5, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested. Enclosed herewith are the following exhibits:

Exhibit 1. Declaration of Thomas L. Cantor pursuant to 37 C.F.R § 1.132 (Cantor Decl.); and

Exhibit 2. WEBSTER'S COLLEGIATE DICTIONARY, 10th ed. (1998), page 779.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the amended paragraph [0001] beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 16 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.